

THE CROPS.

Heavy Rains Relieve Droughty Conditions in Many Sections.

Severe Local Storms Have Caused Serious Injury to the Crops

In Portions of Lower Missouri and Upper Mississippi Valleys—Condition of Crops in Kentucky is Splendid—Indiana Wheat Injured by Rust and Fly.

CHICAGO, May 27.—The reports as to the condition of the crops throughout the country and the general effect of the weather on the growth, cultivation and harvest of same were Tuesday made by the directors of the several climate and crop sections. The reports received at Chicago were as follows:

Abundant rains have relieved droughty conditions in the Ohio valley and generally in the middle Atlantic states. In the southern states rains have been of local character and the droughty conditions previously existing have not been fully relieved and well distributed rains are greatly needed.

Severe local storms have caused serious injury to crops in portions of the lower Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys and floods have done some damage in portions of Illinois and Missouri. In the central gulf states the corn crop is being laid by in excellent condition, but over the eastern and western portions its condition is less favorable owing to drought. In the central valleys except portions of Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska and Illinois, where there has been too much rain, the week has been very favorable to corn and early planted has made rapid growth. Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas and Eastern Kansas report improvement in winter wheat, although there may be some rust.

Kentucky—Warm, with slightly deficient sunshine. Heavy showers broke drought in all sections. Rain too late to fully revive wheat, which is still very short, but oats, hemp, pastures, meadows and gardens are greatly improved. Condition of corn splendid and fine progress has been made in tobacco setting.

Indiana—Abundant rains improved crops. Grasses in excellent condition, wheat headed but injured by fly and rust in many fields. Corn growing nicely and is well cultivated. Tobacco plants are set out, rye and oats are in good condition and barley is ripening.

Ohio—Warm, with local rains, deficient sunshine. Oats, corn, gardens and pastures show progress. Wheat heading fairly, but no special improvement. Cut worms are hurting corn. Rye is blooming. Some strawberries are ripe and on the market.

TUESDAY'S GAMES.

The winners were Baltimore, New York Brooklyn, Cincinnati and Philadelphia. Innings..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—H R E
Baltimore..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—13 17 1
St. Louis..... 2 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—3 8 1
Batteries—McMahon and Robinson; Hart Kissinger and Murphy. Umpire—Lynch.
Innings..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—H R E
New York..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 2—5 12 1
Cleveland..... 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 0—4 10 1
Batteries—Clarke and Wilson; Cuddy, Zimmer and O'Connor. Umpire—Sheridan.
Innings..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—H R E
Brooklyn..... 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—4 9 1
Louisville..... 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0—3 9 1
Batteries—Kennedy and Burrell; McDermott and Miller. Umpire—Weidman.
Innings..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—H R E
Washington..... 0 0 2 1 1 0 1 0 0—5 11 3
Cincinnati..... 3 3 0 5 1 4 0 2 0—18 30 1
Batteries—Merrett and McGuire; Dwyer and Vaughn. Umpire—Hurst.
Innings..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—H R E
Chicago..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—1 5 2
Philadelphia..... 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 0—8 13 1
Batteries—Friend and Kittredge; Orth and Clements. Umpires—Henderson and Campbell.

How They Stand.

W. L. P. C. Clubs. W. L. P. C.
Cincinnati..... 21 11 666 (Chicago)..... 17 15 531
Cleveland..... 18 10 643 (Washington)..... 14 16 467
Boston..... 18 12 660 (Brooklyn)..... 13 17 433
Pittsburgh..... 16 11 590 (New York)..... 12 19 387
Baltimore..... 12 13 581 (St. Louis)..... 11 20 333
Philadelphia..... 12 14 548 (Louisville)..... 7 24 229

Powder Works Blow Up.

FORT SCOTT, Kas., May 27.—During a heavy electric storm Tuesday evening lightning struck one of the seven large buildings of the Ladin Powder Co., at Turck, Cherokee county, Kas., and an awful explosion followed, the flame of the burning powder shooting 300 feet in the air. The report was heard for 20 miles. The plant was established in 1890 and cost \$250,000. Owing to the distance of the plant from a telegraph office no details can be learned. It is feared that many lives were lost, as the factory run a large night force.

The North American Saengerbund. ST. LOUIS, May 29.—At a meeting of delegates from 15 German singing societies, it was decided not to go to the saengerfest of the North American Saengerbund, as societies. The convention will be held at Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 8, and the many hundred St. Louis members will not attend on account of the inability to secure satisfactory railroad rates.

Farmer Struck by Lightning. NEWBERRY, S. C., May 27.—Ebenezer P. Chalmers, a farmer of Jalapa, was found dead in his wagon under a tree Tuesday afternoon after a thunder storm, having been, it is supposed, struck by lightning. He was a prominent citizen. The storm developed into a small tornado in the western suburbs, demolishing several outbuildings.

Storm at Charleston, Mo. CHARLESTON, Mo., May 27.—A heavy wind swept over this territory Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock. Hundreds of shade trees in Charleston were uprooted. Two buildings were slightly damaged and one person seriously injured by falling timber. A large barn on the Bird farm, just north of town, was wrecked.

Col. John S. Mosby Critically Ill. SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—Col. John S. Mosby, the famous guerrilla chief, is critically ill here. He is suffering from appendicitis.

NICOLAS CROWNED.

Scenes of Splendor That Defy Description—All Moscow Assembled at the Cathedral to Witness the Coronation.

Moscow, May 27.—Tuesday was the chief day of all those given up to the coronation ceremonies—the day up to which all the previous days have led—Coronation day.

At a little before eight o'clock the special correspondents were allowed to view the interior of the cathedral, as only a few of the representative correspondents could be accommodated at the ceremony itself. Plates of gold cover the walls and there is scarcely any space that is not coated with precious metals or stones, or painted with frescoes or portraits of martyrs, saints, angels, the Virgin or symbols of the Holy Trinity. In one shrine, covered with gold, silver and precious stones, is an image of the Virgin of enormous value, under which lie the bones and ashes of the venerated saints.

Over the thrones was a magnificent square baldachin of purple velvet, lined with ermine, hanging from the roof between the two pillars farthest from the Ikonostas. In the center, surrounding the baldachin, was an immense gilded crown. The dais was surrounded by a gilded balustrade around which the imperial family and princess would group themselves.

At 9 o'clock the sound of cheers and roars from the waiting throngs outside announced that the royal party was approaching. All Moscow had come to catch a glimpse of the emperor and empress and their brilliant suit as they descended the red staircase from the Kremlin palace and crossed the inclosure to the cathedral.

The emperor was in the dark green and gold uniform of a general of the guards, with high boots. The empress was dressed in a silver robe with a long train, which was borne by four pages.

As the emperor and empress entered the cathedral the choir sang Psalm 101. The Metropolitan of St. Petersburg, as the hymn of the choir ceased, stepped forward and handed the emperor a missal, saying: "Gratias spiritus sancti sit semper tecum. Amen," and bidding him read aloud the orthodox creed, which he did in a voice audible to all. This was followed by the reading of the litany, with prayers for God's blessing upon the czar's government. The choir then sang: "God is the Lord," with the response, "Lord, Save Thy People."

The Metropolitan of Kiev and St. Petersburg then assisted the czar to don the imperial mantle, made of cloth of gold, lined with ermine.

After donning the mantle, the emperor assumed the diamond collar of St. Andrew, the Metropolitan of St. Petersburg saying: "In nomina patris et filii et spiritus sancti. Amen."

Then turning to the altar the czar bowed his head to the prelate of Novgorod, who crossed his hands upon his majesty's forehead and said: "May the Lord anoint him with the oil of joy; may he clothe him with power and place upon his head a crown of precious stones of long life; may he give into his right hand the scepter of salvation; set him upon the throne of righteousness and preserve with his protection the established rule."

Immediately after this the czar received the crown from the Metropolitan of St. Petersburg, and, standing in full sight of all the people, and still before the altar, with both hands placed the crown upon his head. Then, taking his scepter, in which blazed the famous Orloff diamond, in his right hand and the globe of the empire in his left, he ascended the dais and took his seat upon the throne, the empress still standing in her former place. This was the supreme moment of all, and, when gazing round the church and seeing representatives from nearly every district of the czar sitting on his throne of state, with the symbols of power given to him by the highest authority in the land, one had a realizing sense of the great power wielded by the man in whose honor this great function was held.

At the moment of taking his seat on the throne, the cannon of the arsenal thundered forth, the bells rang and the bands massed outside played the national anthem. The emperor, after merely occupying the throne for a few seconds, rose and placing the scepter and the globe on the table by his side, turned to the empress, and, taking off his crown, touched her forehead with it. She then knelt before him on a crimson velvet cushion, when the emperor placed upon her head her own crown, which is surmounted by a large sapphire. The empress' ladies of honor fixed the crown on her head with a gold comb, and robed her in a mantle of cloth of gold, ermine lined, like the emperor's. She was also invested with the collar of St. Andrew and was led to her throne by the emperor and remained seated at his side. The emperor then resumed his scepter and orb, and the clergy broke forth into the magnificent anthem, "Domine Saluum Fac Imperatorem," and Damine Saluum Fac Imperatricem," of course in the old Slavonic tongue, the choir answering "Ad Multos Annos."

PROHIBITIONISTS.

C. E. Bentley, of Nebraska, Likely to Be Nominated for President.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 27.—During Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday night many delegations held caucuses and selected committeemen.

At a general caucus of the delegates who favor a broad-gauge platform, it was decided to push Mr. C. E. Bentley, of Nebraska, for president; J. H. Southgate, of North Carolina, for vice-president, and T. B. Logan, of Ohio, for chairman of the national committee. At the meeting of the national committee the utmost harmony prevailed. Mr. George C. Christian, of Arkansas, nominated A. A. Stevens, who is understood to be an anti-free silver man, for temporary chairman. Ex-Gov. St. John, of Kansas, the free coinage leader in the committee, nominated Mr. Edward J. Wheeler, of New York. Stevens was elected.

ELECTRIC CAR,

Heavily Loaded With People, Goes Over the Bridge.

Between Fifty and Sixty Persons Are Drowned Like Rats in a Trap.

Some Twenty Escaped by Swimming—The Car Was Carrying Night-Seers to the Scene of a Sham Battle in Honor of the Queen's Birthday.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 27.—The most terrible accident that ever took place in this vicinity occurred about two o'clock Tuesday afternoon when an electric car fell through the Point Ellice bridge into an arm of James bay.

A sham battle at MacAuley point was on the programme as part of the celebration of the Queen's birthday and nearly the whole of the population of the city had gone out to witness it. Victoria prolongs the celebration of the Queen's birthday, more than many of the older cities and celebrates it more enthusiastically. The day was practically a holiday in the city.

The electric cars running out to the scene of the battle had been overcrowded all the forenoon. Every car was full, not only inside, but as many as could do so clung on the outside as well.

The car to which the accident happened contained about eighty persons. Even the roof was occupied.

In crossing the Point Ellice bridge it left the track, crashed through the railings and fell into the water, 75 feet below. The fall was so sudden and unexpected that all the passengers were carried down with it.

The car floated for a moment and then was carried down by the weight of metal work attached to it. Those inside were unable to escape and were drowned like rats in a trap. Some of those on the outside escaped by swimming, but many, stunned by the fall or unable to swim, were drowned.

It is believed now that fifty or sixty persons were drowned, but it is as yet impossible to ascertain the real number. It is difficult to learn who was on the car when it took the fatal plunge, and it is equally difficult to learn how many escaped. It will probably be several days before the real extent of the disaster can be learned.

As soon as possible the work of recovering the bodies was begun and is now being pushed vigorously forward.

Up to 10:30 p. m. sixty-two bodies have been taken from the bay. Twenty persons known to have been on the bridge at the time of the accident are missing and it is supposed that they have perished. The car register shows 90 fares and it is probable that over 125 were on board.

MICHIGAN STORM.

Its Path Was Half a Mile Wide and Sixteen Miles Long—About Forty Persons Were Killed Outright and Fully That Number Injured.

DETROIT, May 27.—The cyclone which devastated the northern portion of Oakland county Monday evening swept a path half a mile wide and 16 miles long from west to east, clearing the earth of nearly everything movable. About forty persons were killed outright and fully that number were injured, some of whom will die.

The cyclone first struck earth six miles west of Orionville and passed half a mile north of that village. In these six miles of devastated country before Orionville was reached, 15 persons were killed and about twenty injured; some fatally.

About eighteen farm houses were destroyed in the line of the storm from Orionville to Oakwood, but only two persons were killed. Four others were probably fatally injured and eight or ten more or less seriously hurt.

The three miles stretch from Oakwood to Thomas is a scene of heart-rending desolation and wreckage. Everything in the path of the cyclone was leveled. In and around Thomas the death list is large and many are injured.

After completing its work of destruction at Thomas, the cyclone evidently separated, one section going northeast and doing an immense amount of damage between Thomas and Dryden, in La Pere county, and the other following a southeasterly direction to North Oxford.

After leaving North Oxford, the path of the southeast cyclone is marked at intervals until Mt. Clemens is reached, where great damage was done and many persons injured.

After passing Dryden and Whigville, in La Pere county, the next heard from the other storm was in Sanilac county, 30 miles away, at the village of Amadoc, which was nearly swept away. The funnel-shaped cloud struck a mile west of the village, and in a path half a mile wide and six and a half miles long, to the shore of Lake Huron, every building was more or less damaged.

Tuscola county was also visited by a wind storm of cyclonic violence Monday evening. Nearly every building in the path of the storm which started near Gilford and traveled directly east for six miles, was destroyed. Jos. Malburg was hit by a flying board and instantly killed. August, Julius, Fred and Edward Haske, Mrs. Julius Haske and Mrs. Urbane, were more or less seriously injured.

Ex-Gov. Roberts Withdraws. GALVESTON, Tex., May 27.—Political circles in Texas were astonished Tuesday by the withdrawal of ex-Gov. Roberts from the gubernatorial race. The "sound money" democrats bolted from the silverites and both factions will put out candidates for the governorship.

Killing "Pacificos." HAVANA, May 25, via TAMPA, Fla., May 27.—Col. Land, operating around Juicaban, this province, has killed nine "pacificos" during the last few days. All belonged to the farming classes and were not insurgents. It is said that 30 quiet people have been killed within that vicinity within a week.

CONDENSED NEWS

Gathered From All Parts of the Country by Telegraph.

At Denver A. B. Hughes broke another bicycle record Tuesday by riding an unpaced mile in 2:04.1-3.

Peter Connelly and John Nolan were instantly killed Tuesday by the premature explosion of a blast in one of the Anaconda mines, Butte, Mont.

Three storms of unusual severity swept over Springfield, Mo., Monday night at intervals of two hours, causing thousands of dollars damage.

The bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri river near Bonneville, Mo., has become a law without the president's approval.

Mrs. Martha Campbell, an aged lady, mother of Wm. Campbell, died Tuesday morning near Granger, Ia., being the 21st victim of Saturday night's tornado.

Hon. J. H. Manley, of Augusta, Me., has sent to Chairman Carter, of the republican national committee, a letter notifying him that contests have been filed with him involving the rights of 158 delegates.

The New York court of appeals has unanimously decided the Raines liquor tax law constitutional. Chief Justice Andrews wrote the opinion. It was in the case of Tinsfield against the New York city excise board.

Mr. Van Senden, private secretary to Secretary Carlisle, returned to Kentucky Monday night. He reached Washington Sunday night from Kentucky and after a conference with Secretary Carlisle left quite unexpectedly again.

Albert Von Neida, aged 42 years, attempted to kill his wife, Charlotte, aged 34 years, and then to end his own existence at the Women's home, 103 Ellsworth street, Philadelphia. The couple will probably die. Jealousy was the cause of the deed.

Geo. P. Weldon, aged 50, was arrested in St. Louis Tuesday evening. He is charged with swindling Bloch & Co., billiard table manufacturers of Cleveland, O., out of \$1,200 in August last. Weldon was their bookkeeper and got the money through forgery.

At the Canas mine, near Hacuena, Mex., a premature blast occurred, resulting in the killing of Perry D. Stockdale, a wealthy mining expert, Jose Trejo, the owner of the mine, and another man. The bodies of all the victims have been recovered.

Fire destroyed two-thirds of the east end of the town of Deseronto, Ont., and nearly a hundred families are homeless. The Rathbun Co.'s big flour mill, storehouse and elevator, the shingle and lumber docks, the Roman Catholic church and about one hundred dwelling houses were burned. Most of the houses were occupied by workmen. The total loss will exceed \$500,000.

Forecast for Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—For Kentucky—Partly cloudy weather and probable local thunder storms; warmer in eastern portion; southerly winds.

For Ohio—Generally fair; light to fresh westerly winds; cooler in northern portion.

For Indiana—Generally fair; westerly winds becoming variable.

THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, May 26. FLOUR—Spring patent, \$3.03 1/2; spring fancy, \$3.15 1/2; spring family, \$3.02 1/2; winter patent, \$3.02 1/2; fancy, \$3.15 1/2; family, \$3.02 1/2; extra, \$3.13 1/2; low grade, \$3.75 1/2; rye, northwestern, \$2.45 1/2; do, city, \$2.50.

WHEAT—No. 2 red nominally quotable at 69 1/2¢.

CORN—Sales: Yellow ear, track, 32¢; No. 2 track, 30¢; No. 2 white, track, 31¢.

OATS—Sales: No. 2 mixed, track, 21 1/4¢; No. 3 white, track, 23 1/4¢; sample white, track, 25¢.

HOGS—Select shippers, \$3.30 1/2; select butchers, \$3.45 1/2; fair to good packers, \$3.20 1/2; fair to good light, \$3.25 1/2; common and roughs, \$2.85 1/2.

CATTLE—Fair to good shippers, \$3.40 1/2; none of the best on sale; good to choice butchers, \$3.75 1/2; fair to medium butchers, \$3.25 1/2; common, \$3.10 1/2.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Sheep—Extras, \$3.35 1/2; good to choice, \$3.00 1/2; common to fair, \$2.00 1/2; Lambs—Extras, \$4.15 1/2; good to choice, \$3.25 1/2; common to fair, \$2.25 1/2; spring lambs, firm, \$3.75 1/2; none of the best on sale.

VEAL CALVES—Fair to good light, \$4.00 1/2; extra, \$4.75 1/2; common and large, \$3.00 1/2.

WOOL—Unwashed fine merino, \$2.00 per lb; quarter-blood clothing, 11¢; medium delaine and clothing, 12¢; braid, 10¢; medium combing, 12 1/2¢; Washed, fine merino X 1/2 XX, 11¢; medium clothing, 12 1/2¢; delaine fleece, 13 1/4¢; long combing, 14¢; quarter-blood and low, 12¢.

NEW YORK, May 26. WHEAT—No. 2 red, May, 69 1/2¢; 1-10¢; July, 69 1/2¢; September, 69 1/2¢; December, 69 1/2¢.

CORN—No. 2, 1-10¢; July, 69 1/2¢; June, 69 1/2¢; September, 69 1/2¢; October, 69 1/2¢.

OATS—No. 2 dull, state, 29 1/2¢; western, 28 1/2¢; July, 29 1/2¢.

TOLEDO, O., May 26. WHEAT—No. 2 red cash, 69 1/2¢; May, 69 1/2¢; August, 69 1/2¢; September, 69 1/2¢; No. 3 red, cash, 68¢.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 27 1/4¢; No. 3 do, 27¢; September, 30 1/4¢; No. 3 yellow, cash, 28¢.

OATS—No. 2 mixed, July, 19 1/4¢.

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